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### EXCITING CHASE AFTER A FOX.

On Saturday afternoon as two young gentlemen from Preston, were out rabbit shooting on the banks of the Ribble, they espied what they supposed to be a dog, swimming up to the neck against the stream, its head being only just above the water, and it appeared quite exhausted. Some distance higher up, and not far from Sunderland-hall, there were a number of ducks swimming to and fro, and it soon became evident that the animal was not a dog but a fox, and that it had its eye upon them. The young fellows increased their speed, and in a short time came up with it as it still swam towards the ducks. One of them levelled his gun, but remarked as if he quite understood the intention, dived, and for a moment became invisible, when he lifted up his head again. At this juncture one of the young men fired at him from a gate, but with no better success, and the matter became quite exciting. The fox was within 50 yards of the ducks, and evidently unaffected by the balls which had twice whizzed within a few inches of him he slackened rather than increased his speed. The youngest of the sportsmen then climbed up into an oak, thinking he could have better aim from such an elevation than from where he stood. But the distance between him and the fox rapidly increased, so that when he fired the shot fell short by several yards, and the fox escaped once more. The men then ran after him until they got near to the Red Star, the ducks having gone in that direction on seeing their enemy. The young fellows soon came up with him, and they fired together, but they did not reach him. They were not, however, only losing their powder and shot, but their temper likewise, so that, as a final effort, they each loaded again, and determined either to make him or to take the water and swim after him. They both fired at the same time, when the "cunning" fellow bobbed his head under the water again, and when next seen he was 50 yards in advance of them. Tantalising as



this additional failure was it was much more so when they observed him give a jerk in the water, he having come up with the ducks, and, seizing one of them, carried it in triumph to the opposite bank. Here his good luck deserted him. A young gentleman with a dog happened to be on the other side, and, on seeing the fox carrying a duck, the dog made after him in spite of his master. He caught him near the Nab's Head; and, although the fox bit him in several places, and was more than twice his size, he never lost his hold. The two young fellows got across in a boat, and along with the gentleman in question, proceeded to the scene of the combat. The dog had made his teeth meet in the fox's groin, and in this way held him. As shown by the marks of blood on the ground, the fox had dragged the dog for 40 yards, and it was with the utmost difficulty that the dog was pulled way.

### HORSES BECOMING ROARERS.

Sore throats are common where animals are subjected to such opposite systems of management at different times, and most roarsers suffer first from acute inflammatory disease of some part of the air passages, and the muscles of the larynx undergo fatty degeneration afterwards, so as completely to impair their action. The muscles which are thus paralysed are on the left side, and the immediate cause of roaring is the drooping of one of the cartilages at the opening of the windpipe. An operation has been performed sometimes with success by cutting away this depressed cartilage; and as probably two out of three animals would recover by the performance of this operation, it is worth while that it should be tried much more than it has been. The operation is a very difficult one, perhaps the most difficult that a veterinarian can perform. It is not dangerous, but a result, and seemingly an inevitable one in some cases, is the formation of a tumour, where the cartilage has been excised; and this may discourage some from submitting their animals to the surgical treatment, which offers some hope of success.—JOHN GAMGEE.

THE LATE GEORGE MARTIN: well-known as a Promoter of Pedestrianism, and Proprietor of the Royal Oak Park Grounds, Manchester. (From a Photograph by Newbold.)





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about eight yards. There was a capital race for second place between Dallas





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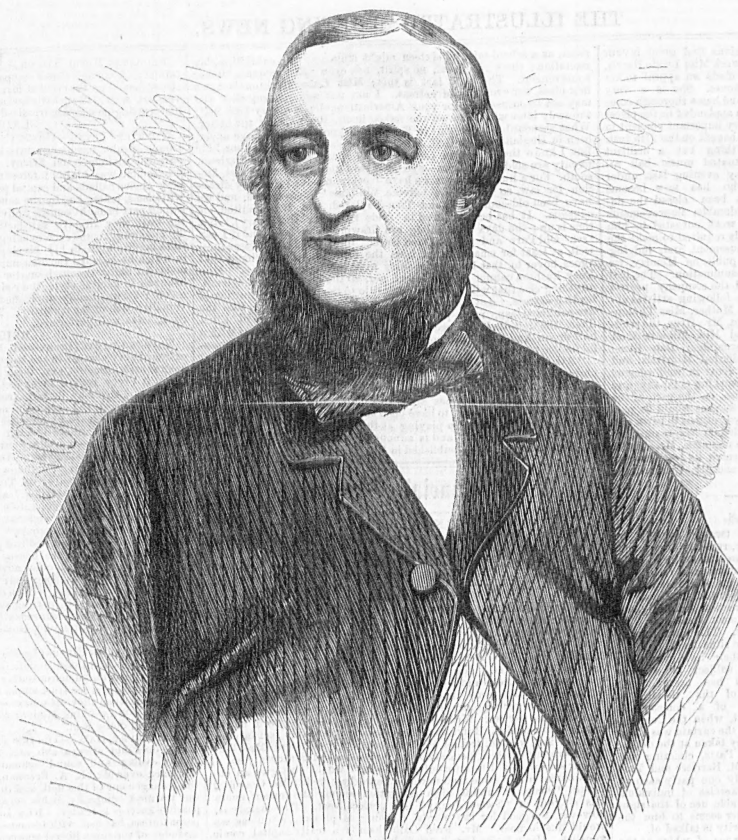
## RETRIEVERS.

No distinct recognised breed of retrievers exists, unless we make an exception in favour of the silver-coloured Irish water spaniel and the rough Russian. The Earl of Cardigan, Sir George Wombwell, Sir John Lister-Lyster-Kaye, and many well-known sportsmen, possess their own breed of dogs, used for retrieving from land or water; but there is no established breed. Good retrievers are to be found of all breeds. Thirty years ago William Kyau, now, we believe, head-keeper to Lord Fitzwilliam, had a famous retriever, by a bloodhound of the late Lord Ducie's out of a mastiff. "Graven" (author of the "Young Sportsman's Manual") describes a celebrated land and water retriever, of a breed "between a bull dog and a smooth terrier."

An English retriever, whether smooth or curly-coated, should be black or black and tan, or black with tabby or brindled legs, the brindled legs being indicative of the Labrador origin. We give the preference from experience to the flat-coated or short coated small St. John's or Labrador breed. These breeds we believe to be identical. The small St. John's has marvellous intelligence, a great aptitude for learning to carry, a soft mouth, great strength, and he is a good swimmer. If there is any cross at all in this breed it should be the setter cross.

He should have a long head, a large eye, a capacious mouth, the ears small, close to his head, set low, and with short hair on them; his nose large, his neck long, that he may stoop in his quest. We should give the points as follows: Head 10, nose 10, ears 2, neck 8-10; shoulders oblique and deep, chest broad and powerful; shoulders 6; chest 4-10. His loins and back and hind-quarters all of great importance; for though a hare will be the maximum of weight he will have to carry, he may be compelled to carry a long distance, to get over a stone wall with it, or to make his way through strong covert. Loins and back 10, hind-quarters 10-20. His legs should be strong, straight, and muscular; his feet round, and moderately large, but compact, and the toes should be well arched. Feet 6, legs 6, hocks (large) 6, stifles 2-20. If he is required for punt-shooting his coat should be short and close; but for general purposes the texture should be flat, shining, abundant. If black, he should be all black; if black and tabby, the tabby should not go far up the leg, and he should be free from white. Colour and gloss of coat 15. The stern should be well feathered, moderately short, and gaily carried. The feather should be decidedly heavy but tapering to the point. Tail 8.

We have given no points for temperament. No dog deserves the least



THE LATE VINCENT WALLACE: Composer of "Maritana," "Lurline," "The Desert Flower," &c.

consideration from a judge unless his temperament is evidently good at the first glance. Temperament is the foundation of a good retriever. He should be about 24 inches at the shoulder, moderately long in his body, moderately short on his legs. He should be as clear cut as a setter under the angle of his jaw. The setter cross is perhaps the best, but it certainly diminishes the liking for water, and in some instances the produce has a marked disinclination to quest in thick or tangled woodland.

The remarks we have made as to the frame and temperament of the wavy-coated retriever apply to the curly-coated dog. The distinction between the two is simply one of texture. The origin of the curly dog is not well-known, but is supposed to be the result of a cross between the Irish water-spaniel and the Newfoundland. The face of a curly retriever should be clean; his hind legs, from the hock downwards, free from feather; the remainder of his body covered with short, crisp curls.

Windham, the property of Mr. Gore, is a good example of the wavy-coated dog; and Jet, in the possession of the same gentleman, is, perhaps, the best specimen of a curly-coated one ever exhibited to the public.

The flat-coated dog gained the first prize in Birmingham three years in succession, besides numerous first prizes at other shows. He has frequently been passed over for Jet, or Jet has been put aside for him, but he holds his own at Newcastle, Alexandra Park, Nottingham, and Leeds. His powers of scent are excellent, and we understand him to be broken well, but he is rather hard-mouthed, and this fault we hold to be hereditary.

Jet, on the other hand, carries alive, and having carried a live pigeon for any length of time, will let it fly from his mouth at a given signal. He is a good water-dog, and a very genial companion. He has won as many, perhaps more, prizes than any dog shows. In the present year he took the first prizes at Bradford, Brighton, and Leeds, and received the first prize and gold medal at Paris.

We give their measurements:—

	Windham.	Jet.
	ft. in.	ft. in.
From nose to end of stern...	5 2	4 10
Girth behind shoulders...	2 9	2 10
Round top of fore-leg...	0 9	0 9
Round cranium...	1 10	1 6
Length of head...	0 11	0 10
Lower corner of eye to end of nose...	0 5	0 4
Length of tail...	1 6	1 5
Height...	2 3	2 1
Round nose just under the eyes...	0 12	0 11
Round nose at the end of the mouth...	0 10	0 9
Girth round withers...	2 3	2 0
Weight of Windham, 54lb.		Weight of Jet, 77lb.



GARDEVISURE: Winner of the Cambridgeshire Stakes at Newmarket, 1865. Drawn by Bon Horring, Esq.



It will be evident from the weight of these dogs that either can carry a hare—the maximum of power required.

It is a mistake to have a large dog for a retriever. The smaller they are the better, if they can accomplish the task required of them.

The merits of the two varieties are pretty evenly balanced. We have seen first-class dogs smooth-coated, wavy-coated, and curly. One smooth dog, two flat-coated or small Salvador, two curly-coated dogs and one bitch, all belonging to personal friends, we have never seen excelled; and a dog by a Chamber spaniel out of a Salvador bitch is one of the very best dogs to find and bring game or wild-fowl that we have ever seen.

The Irish water-spaniel, the rough Russian, and the various crosses likely to be useful, shall have due consideration paid them on a future occasion.

—Field.

## THE GARDEN.

### KITCHEN GARDEN.

The recent heavy rains have somewhat impeded spade-operations. The necessity of an examination of all drains and water-courses will be readily suggested by the now frequent recurrence of wet weather. In the course of time weeds and rubbish accumulate in quantities sufficient to impair the efficiency of the common water-conduits, and every facility should be given at this season for the passage of the water from the garden. Peas, in soils favourable to vegetation during winter a few Mazagans may be planted, either where they are to remain, or on a sheltered border, for planting out early in the ensuing year. Employ time or root about young Cabbage and Lettuce plants. Cauliflowers, those in the frame and under hand-glasses should be divested of their dead leaves, and if any vacancies occur they should be filled up; give air freely every fine day. Celery, continue to earth up; if severe frost should set in, some long litter to be laid over the most forward crops. Cucumbers, a little discretion is necessary to be observed as to the quantity of fruit a plant is capable of swelling off at one time, winter-fruited plants are frequently injured by overbearing, one fruit is sufficient for a plant to swell off at this season, but there may be several fruit in different stages of growth. Endive, when quite dry a good quantity should be tied up for blanching, a quantity of it could then be laid in, in pits or frames, before severe weather set in. Jerusalem Artichokes may now be taken up, or this may be done as they are wanted for use, but then the ground should be



THE LATE SIGNOR GIUGLINI: The eminent Tenor of Her Majesty's Theatre.

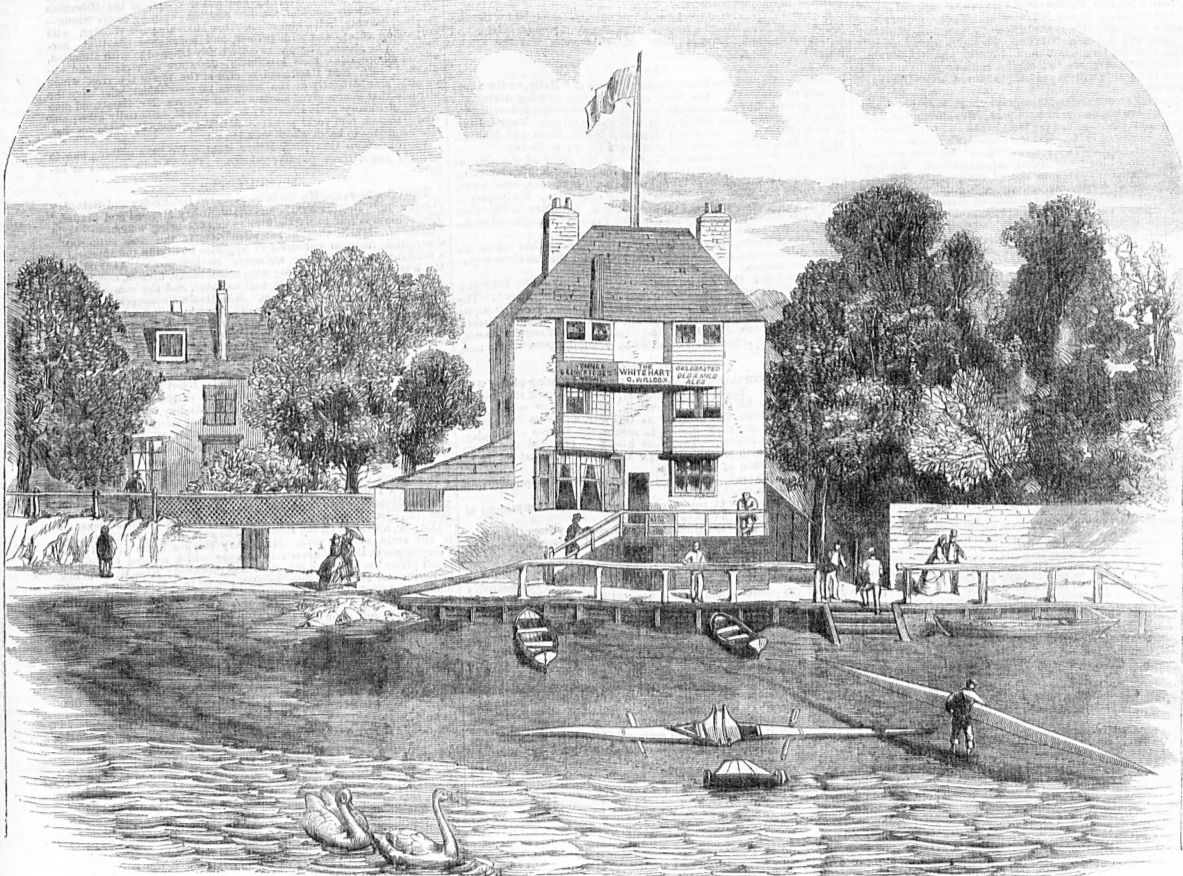
covered with litter during severe frost, to lessen the trouble of digging them up. Onions, the autumn-sown, to be hand-weeded, and the ground slightly hoed between them. Peas, in very favourable soils and situations the first sowing may now be made, but we cannot recommend it where there is the convenience of pits and frames. Shallots and Garlic may now be planted in light and dry soils, otherwise they had better not be planted until February. The work of storing away excellent roots should now be carefully attended to, as on this being properly performed depends the whole success of their keeping.

### FRUIT GARDEN.

The planting of fruit trees either in the open quarters or against walls may be commenced at once, supposing the borders to have been sufficiently prepared for their reception. In planting trees between old established ones against walls, a hole of considerable size should be made for the young trees, and filled with fresh compost. In preparing new soil for planting fruit trees endeavour to keep it as dry as possible, and choose a dry day for planting, that the soil may be favourable to the growth of fresh roots. The present time is also the most favourable for lifting and root-pruning such trees as are too luxuriant, and require checking to induce a fruitful habit. We prefer lifting the trees entirely, unless they are very large, to cutting off the roots as they stand. After shortening the roots proportionably to the strength of the tree, spread them out near the surface and fill in with compost, on which a mulching of half-rotten dung should be spread, to prevent frost from entering the ground. But while the above is often necessary with existing trees planted in too rich or too deep borders, it should be borne in mind that it is only a palliative measure, and, in the course of a few years, will require repeating, unless measures are at the same time taken to make the borders shallower or poorer as the case may be. We are of opinion that most wall trees would be more fruitful were their roots confined to borders of very limited extent compared to what is generally the case, and by which the balance between the roots and branches could be adjusted without the trouble and expense of lifting and root-pruning. Clear off the remaining leaves from wall trees, to give the wood the advantage of sun and air to assist its ripening.

### FLOWER GARDEN.

The frost has in many localities been sufficiently severe to destroy all remains of beauty in the flower garden. When this is the case the beds should be immediately cleared of Geraniums, and such other plants as are killed. Dahlias should be taken up the first day after



FAMILIAR SPOTS UPON THE THAMES: No 3.—The White Hart at Barnes.





(To the Editor of the "Illustrated Sporting News.")

"LOVE WINS THE WAY" is the not happily alliterative title of a new operetta, which is about to displace Miss Gabriel's "Widows Bewitched" at the Gallery of Illustration. The music is by Mr. Bucaloss, the libretto adapted from Sheridan, by Mr. F. Finlayson.

Your obedient servant,  
St. James's Theatre. WALTER JOYCE.

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JOHN H. DELAFIELD.

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